

McDaniel House  
147 North Aurora Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-294  
c1890

The McDaniel House is one of Easton's towered Victorian dwellings; of frame, it is shingled on the upper floor and has applied "Stick Style" wooden decoration in the gables. A one story porch runs across the front and side to an octagonal bay. The roof is hipped with dormers.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

McDaniel House

AND/OR COMMON

Doctors Baines and Dawkins Office

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14 North Aurora Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_SITE

\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_PARK

\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER Medical Office

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Albert T. Dawkins, Jr.

Dr. Callum R. Baine

Telephone #:

301-822-2041

STREET & NUMBER

14 North Aurora Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 451

Folio #: 355

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   | DATE _____  |

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Now occupied by doctor's offices, this large late nineteenth century dwelling stands on the east side of Aurora Street in the two blocks once called "Silk Stocking Row".

The structure is of frame, two-and-a-half stories in height. There is an octagonal tower at the southwest corner. A one story porch runs across the front and on the south side to a projecting octagonal bay window. The roof is hipped with dormers.

In plan this building is nearly square; variation is provided by the projecting bays and tower and by the irregular roof line. In the organization of the interior rooms it resembled Nine North Aurora (T-441) except that this stair is in the front rather than the rear of the building.

The window openings are irregularly spaced to reflect the position of the rooms within. Windows on the upper floors have small panes bordering the upper sash. The main entrance is reached by walking across the porch parallel to the street and into the side of the central hall. The stair is opposite the main entrance. (On the lower floors the windows have one over one sash.)

There are two major projecting elements; on the front (west) facade there is a pavillion which is rectangular in plan with a pedimented gable at the third floor.\* On the south facade, the bay is octagonal with a jerkin roofed gable above. The ell in the back of the building has a roof which slopes toward the rear.

Between the pavillion on the west facade and the tower is a second floor balcony. Above this is a gable dormer with a semicircular window and ornamental window trim.

As are many buildings of this period the composition of the McDaniel House shows a strong interplay between the horizontal and vertical elements: the low horizontal line of the porch roof is pierced by the strong vertical of the tower; the projecting bays with their pediments or dormers provides a tall, vertical form which counters the horizontal mass of the building.

Characteristic also of this period in architecture is the treatment of the exterior of the building to provide texture and richness. Here notched shingles cover the upper floor with German ship lap below.

\* In this gable is found a type of applied ornament associated with the so-called "Stick Style".

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
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|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McDaniel House is one of Easton's Extravagant towered Victorian dwellings which were constructed in the 1890's. Architecturally these buildings were designed with a concern for volumetric expression, assymetrically balanced compositions, and delicately articulated exteriors. This building displays all of these elements, although it is not as sophisticated or integrated in its design as Nine North Aurora (T-243) or the Chaffinch House, 132 South Harrison Street (T-34), two of Easton's superb Victorian period dwellings.

- L40/F302 This house is very interesting from an historical point of view. In 1851, Thomas Robson bought the land from Jacob Willson for \$450.00. Robson was proprietor of the Union Hotel and the editor of the "Eastern Star", one of the two leading newspapers of the town. Mr. Robson seems to have not paid for the property, but he did build a house where he lived until 1863. By this time, because of his sympathies to the Confederate cause, he was hopelessly in debt and turned over all his assets, real and personal, to Charles Robinson, to be sold. Robinson, trustee for Robson, and Turpin Wright, executor for Jacob Willson, sold the premises, with a clear title, for \$2900.00 to Augusta Foreman. By her will, the property was devised, in 1866, to her daughter Augusta, the wife of Robert Lloyd Tilghman. In 1872, the Tilghmans sold their home for \$3000.00 to The Rev. Henry Lay, the first Bishop of Easton. For the next fourteen years, This was owned by Rev. Lay and his wife as their home. In 1886, Bishop Lay's widow, Eliza, sold the property to May R. Price and Susan W. Barton. They paid \$2100.00 for it. Obviously, these two ladies made improvements and additions because they realized \$8000.00 for its sale in 1893 to Charles C. Nickerson. It remained in the Nickerson family for nearly thirty years, when J. Duke Wooters and his wife Irene bought it for \$8500.00 and sold it in 1923 to John S. McDaniel and his wife Florence.
- L78/F103 This place is often referred to as the McDaniel house by "old-timers" though it was occupied only nine years by this family. They took out a large mortgage and were unable to make the payments. Ennals and Laura Tull made it their home for the next ten years when it was purchased by Anne Hyde Ingrham. She was notable as being the widow of Prentiss Ingraham,
- L103/F386
- I 1/F398
- L254/F362
- L255/F412

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L292/F40  
1951  
L391/F238  
1963  
L430/F81  
1967  
F451/F355  
1971

the author of the local history, "The Land of Legendary Lore."  
It has passed through intermittent hands and is presently owned  
by Drs. Albert T. Dawkins, Jr., and Callum R. Bain. The lower  
floor has been converted to the Doctors offices. The upper  
floors to apartments.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

November 23, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

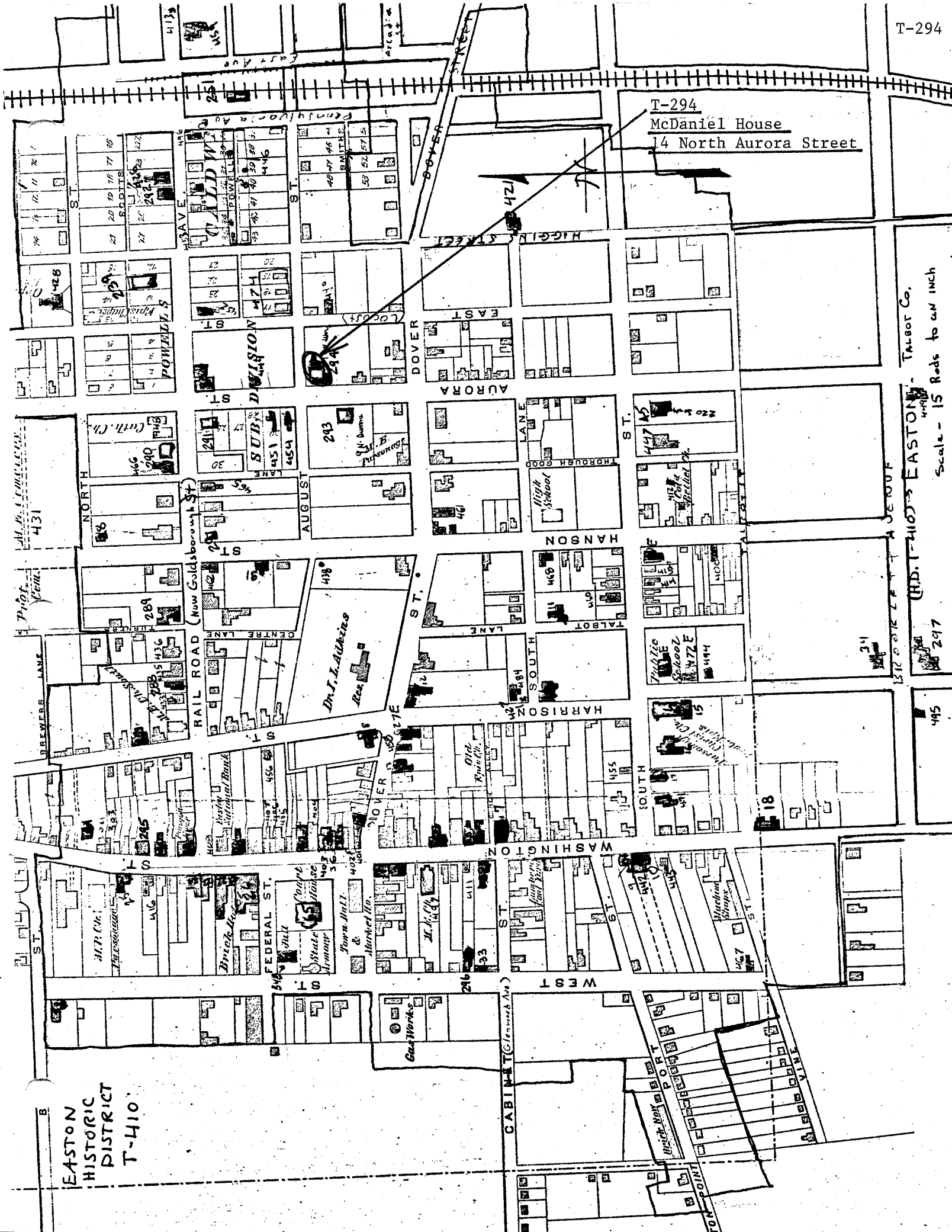
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Maryland 21601

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Talbot Co.  
Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

(H.D. T-410) - EASTON -

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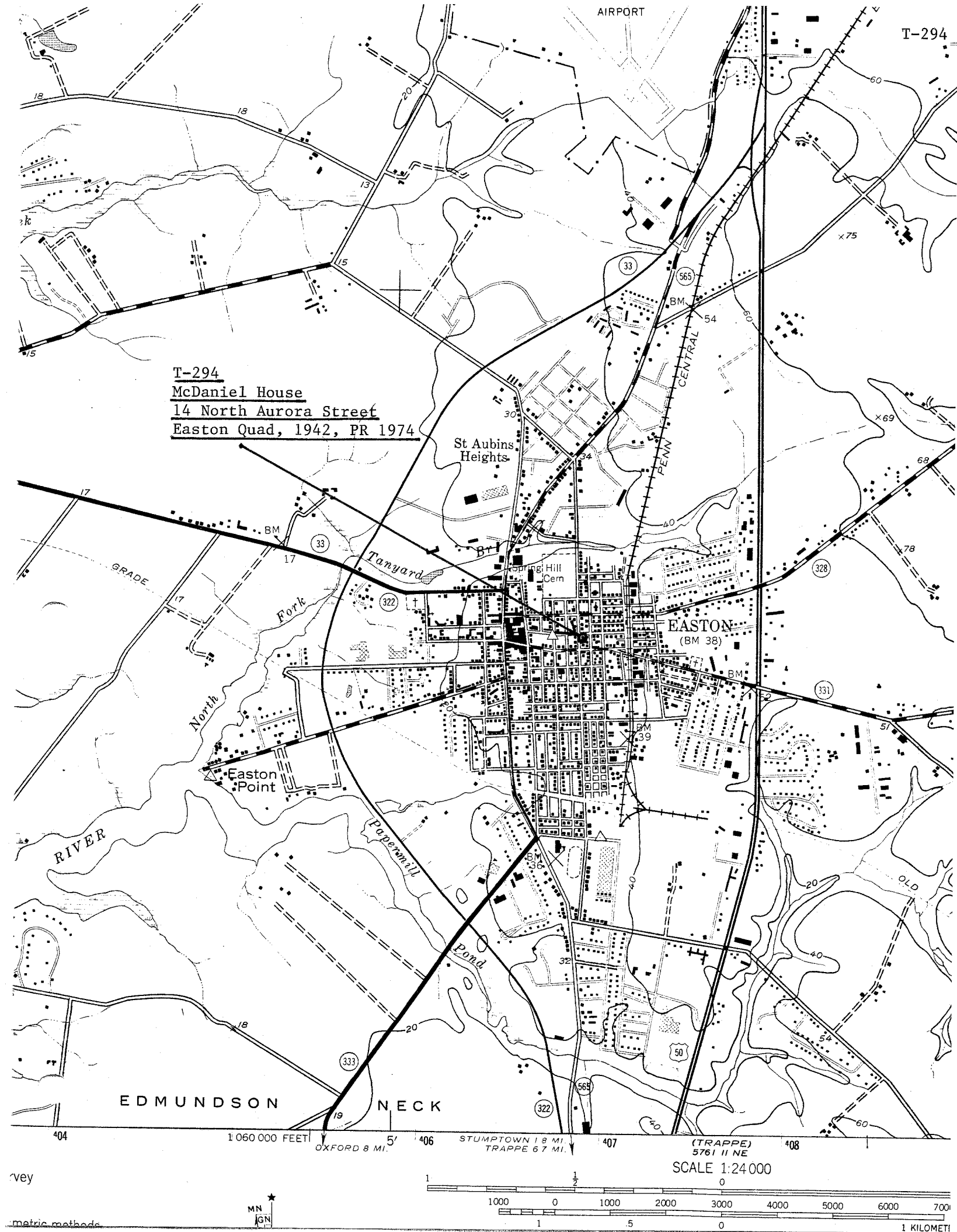
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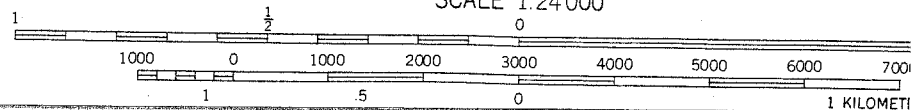
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T-410

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 14 North Aurora Street  
 Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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14 x 1.74

52% 294

MCDANIELS HOUSE  
14. N. AURORA  
EASTON, MD

VIEW TO NE

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T-294

Lat

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EASTON, MARYLAND 21601

